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Sours to the Sweets.

The sugar democrats are in a blue funk. Their all is threatened with destruction. Free trade in sugar will, they assert, ruin them. Nor are they soothed by the three years of grace promised. "A little month!" exclaimed young Hamlet in the matter of his mother's mourning. "A little three years!" exclaim the sugar men in the matter of getting out of the sugar-growing business into some other business.

Well, with their record, can they reasonably expect sympathy? Has their party not been talking free trade, not only in sugar but in other things, for years? Have they not voted for destructive cuts in the industries of other sections of the country?

And what were they thinking of last November? The Baltimore platform confronted them. Mr. Underwood, as they knew, stood for free sugar. His vote at the special session of the Sixty-second Congress was fresh. Not a man of them could have forgotten it.

Likewise was the veto of the free sugar measure by Mr. Taft fresh in their recollection. They had asked for it. He had played the part of Cassius, helped them, and prevented them from sinking.

Ordinarily, what would have been the course of men so menaced? Parting company with their enemies? Making an alliance with their friends? It would seem so.

But the sugar democrats took the opposite course. They continued to train with their enemies. They walked up to the polls in November, and plumped, not for Mr. Taft, who had just saved them, but for Mr. Wilson, who was pledged to their destruction; not for a republican House pledged to the protection of sugar, but for a democratic House pledged to a repeal of all sugar duties.

So that when Mr. Underwood took his place as leader of the House last Monday, his calm and resolute glance fell on representatives from cane sugar and sugar districts anxious about interests dear to their constituents. Had he obtained his place by false pretenses? He had not. Had they helped put him where he was through a feeling that he had not meant what he had said at the special session on the subject of free sugar, and would now in the light of full democratic responsibility spare those who had supported him? In all probability. They had asked themselves the question, and thought to overwhelm him with it. What is a party platform between friends?

If ever men lightly ascended scaffold steps and put nooses over their own heads the sugar democrats have done so. And if their plight arouses more amusement than pity they have themselves to blame for it.

The Opening of Clean-Up Week.

Although the weather is not propitious, clean-up week begins today, and it is to be hoped that the day's rain will not deter citizens from undertaking vigorously the task of making their premises clean and attractive, which should be accomplished throughout the district by the close of Saturday. In point of fact, if every one were to undertake this task promptly and prosecute it diligently twenty-four hours would be enough, and Washington could be in one day made clean from end to end. But in this matter procrastination is constantly developing, and the clean-up task, not especially pleasant one at best, is put off from day to day in favor of some other duty, with the result that in all parts of the city the early good days of the week—and for such a purpose all days are good, regardless of the condition of the skies—are lost.

There will perhaps be some householders who continue utterly indifferent to the call for cleanliness of the premises, who will allow accumulations of trash to remain in their cellars and their yards to offend the eyes of neighbors and to increase the chances of fly-breeding and consequent disease-carrying later in the season. Such of these as cannot be induced by force of example to scour their premises must be brought to the point of sanitation by direct methods. It is within the power of the health department to rate as a nuisance any daily littered yard, and information may be given of conditions that call for such action by the authorities. It is really the part of good citizenship to respond to the call of sanitation by direct methods. It is within the power of the health department to rate as a nuisance any daily littered yard, and information may be given of conditions that call for such action by the authorities. It is really the part of good citizenship to respond to the call of sanitation by direct methods.

There is no premium for premises cleaning, no prizes are offered for the best kept yard or the cleanest house. But every one who does his best to make his place clean will have a reward of easy conscience, far better than any medal or purse that could be offered. The whole purpose of this week of city cleaning is to encourage the habit of order and observance of the sanitary rules. While there will be some backsliding from the cleanliness accomplished by the end of the week, a material gain must have been scored in the direction of a higher standard.

It will be a truly remarkable administration if it makes the idea take the place of the epigram.

Fortunately for humanity, the germ is an object of universal enmity, regardless of creed or party.

The Lesson of the Titanic.

One year from the Titanic disaster finds a material improvement in the safeguarding of life at sea, resulting directly from that appalling catastrophe. All the nations have taken cognizance of the dangers resulting from the failure to observe rules designed to insure the safety of lives at sea, and the great passenger-carrying ships now playing the water routes of the world are far better equipped and their crews are better drilled in the handling of life-saving apparatus. Greater attention is being paid to the construction of new vessels to the matter of preventing quick sinking in case of an opening of the outer skin in collision. A searching patrol of the waters

of the north Atlantic by an international fleet of scout ships, sending wireless reports to both sides, results in full information for the guidance of navigators. In circumstances it would seem impossible for a disaster of the proportions of the Titanic to be repeated. Yet with all the precautions of construction and equipment and patrol, safety in the ice-infested waters of the north Atlantic depends upon the men on the bridges who guide their great machines from port to port. The Titanic, comparatively frail as it was and insufficiently supplied with lifeboats, would probably never have gone to the bottom if it had not been driven at racing speed through a portion of the sea known to be occupied by floating ice. That horror was due directly to the desire to make a striking performance on the maiden voyage of the vessel, and to an almost incredible lack of appreciation of the danger of such a reckless run through the ice field. Much good has undoubtedly been done by the investigations into this tragedy, conducted in Washington and in London, and sea traffic is safer at this time in consequence, but nothing that has been accomplished during this past year in the direction of greater safety at sea can possibly atone for the horrible waste of life that resulted from the indifference to what was the real cause of the Titanic's loss. Faith in the "unsinkable" quality of the ship, pride in her as the largest and seemingly best appointed of modern passenger carriers, and ambition to make a record combined to yield a catastrophe which sent sorrow into all parts of the world. It sobered those who thought they had conquered the sea, and men now approach with a new sense of responsibility and a more wholesome concept of human limitations the task of constructing and operating the monsters plying on the great international ferry. For those who were lost a year ago on the Titanic there are today thoughts of affectionate memory, accompanied by the hope that their sacrifice was not wholly in vain if it has resulted in a decrease in the dangers of the sea.

Ginger in the Tariff Debate.

From quoted observations of republican senators and representatives, it is evident that the coming tariff debate will be spiced with criticisms of the President's part in the preliminaries which are leading up to the revision of the Payne law.

The subject in the main is new, as Mr. Wilson's course has differed from that of his predecessors in that sort of business. Mr. Cleveland practically took no part in the preparation of the Mills bill in 1898. He stood upon the tariff measure he had sent to Congress. And probably wisely so, as he knew little if anything about the details of tariff-making. He was frank in confessing his deficiency.

Gen. Harrison was not prominent in the work of preparing the McKinley bill in 1890. He was kept advised of what was in progress, but did not lay down the law to either the House or Senate on the subject.

In 1864 Mr. Cleveland occupied himself so little with the tariff matter that his difficulties came as a surprise to him. Mr. Gorman had him on the hip before he knew he was in danger.

Mr. McKinley was freely consulted in 1897, but no need existed for supreme direction by him. Mr. Angley was his equal as a tariff authority, and for the disputed points to the White House somewhat as a matter of courtesy. The bill was properly called the Dingley bill. The chairman of ways and means had stamped himself impressively on the measure.

Four years ago Mr. Taft left the tariff matter much with Congress, too much, so his critics have charged. They have asserted that had he kept a closer watch and exerted his full power, the measure then enacted into law would have been improved.

As we all know, Mr. Wilson has taken a different course. He has manifested the liveliest interest in every step so far taken looking to the downward revision of the Payne law. And he has been encouraged to do this. The democratic leaders in Congress have put disputed things "up to him." They have asked him to decide them, and, nothing loath, he has done so. He accepted his office as conferring the supreme leadership of his party, and he has no objection to leading. Republican criticisms of this procedure will develop the democratic point of view, and the cross-firing should add materially to the interest of the debate. Everything promises ginger, and the only disappointment grows out of Mr. Underwood's announcement that the debate in the House will last only two weeks.

John B. Henderson.

A Virginian by birth and a Missourian by adoption, Gen. John B. Henderson was a Washingtonian by virtue of long residence here and close identification with local affairs. For twenty-three years he made this city his home, after retiring from active political life and his influence and aid were always given in behalf of its advancement and its prosperity. He became a citizen of the capital in the best sense of working for its development as a national city, and the District deplors his death as a loss to its political and social activity. He was a vigorous factor for the preservation of the Union, serving as a soldier and later as lawmaker. It was his honor to draft the thirteenth amendment to the Constitution, abolishing slavery in this country, and that work stands as his monument.

As time elapses a large number of patriotic citizens begin to realize that there is a great deal of desirable employment to be had besides that which is provided by the United States government.

The slight disturbance caused in the financial world by the death of J. Pierpont Morgan is a reminder of the thoroughness and foresight which distinguished the activities of that master financier.

Gradually the public settles down to a realization that a member of Congress may be as great a man in his way as a base ball player is in his chosen profession.

Theodore Roosevelt has almost reached a point of retirement where he can say things without arousing anybody's indignation.

The assemblage of the D. A. R. may possibly bring to attention some neglected details in the matter of universal peace.

A French scientist says women need more sun and air. This sounds like a hearty endorsement of the suffrage parade.

The Attack on Alfonso.

Only a narrow chance saved the life of the King of Spain when he was attacked by an assassin in the streets of Madrid yesterday. But for Alfonso's quick wit and superb nerve in the emergency he probably would have been mortally wounded if not instantly killed by his assailant, who fired three bullets at him at almost point-blank range. Had the assassin accomplished his purpose the world would today be confronted with another instance of the wanton taking of life for no purpose whatsoever, as part

of the senseless campaign of anarchism. The killing of Alfonso would bring no good to the people of Spain, but, on the contrary, might result in changes for the worse. He had not been a bad ruler, but has devoted himself with commendable intelligence and zeal to the problems of state in extremely trying conditions. His assassination would be a wanton act and it is fortunate that his own quick action saved his life. This attempt, coming so quickly after the slaying of King George of Greece, is a disquieting indication that the tragedy at Saloniki has stirred the European anarchists to a renewal of their wretched endeavors to overturn society.

One strong contender for the pessimist championship is the man who makes a business of compiling statistics to show advances in the cost of living without noting that there are some important necessities that have become cheaper.

Even the citizen who cannot help to reform the tariff can assist human welfare a little by getting vaccinated, safeguarding the drinking water and joining in the warfare against the mosquito and the fly.

The end of stock gambling would be predicted with more confidence if New York were prepared to show that the minor sport of horse racing could be run without bookmaking.

In Mexico whether a man is called a bandit or a patriot depends largely on what political party he belongs to.

It may be noted that several gentlemen have survived in public life despite the disapproval of Mr. Hearst.

A protracted rain in spring gives occasion for some congratulation on the fact that it was not snow.

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

Make-Up.

"All the world's a stage," said Mr. Stormington Barnes.

"Yes," replied Senator Sorghum. "About the only important distinction to be noted is that some of us have to make up our minds instead of our faces."

Exceptional Felicity.

How seldom is he seen or heard. The man with patriot zeal aglow. Who this year can stand by each word. He said a year or so ago!

"I admire dinnigty," said Uncle Eben, "but I does hate de kind dat is spon an excuse foh laziness."

Complaint.

"You are always complaining about the taxpayer."

"Yes. I sympathize with the masses."

"How much do you pay in the way of taxes?"

"My dear sir, that has nothing to do with the case. The man who is paying a whole lot of taxes is usually so busy that he hasn't time to do his own complaining."

Unhindered Imagination.

"I suppose you are well acquainted with the star of your company?"

"Never met him," replied the press agent. "A successful press agent must be an idealist, not a realist."

Confidence.

Oh, de blossoms is a-smilin' like dey allus used to do.

An' de sun come out a-shinin' in de sky so warm an' blue.

De world goes marchin' right along from April into May.

An' doesn't stop to hear de things de legislature say.

Each year is abel to find us in a state of mind perplexed.

But jes' de same it goes ahead preparin' foh de next.

Dar has allus been some way to git along foh you an' me.

An' I keeps on havin' faith dat dar is allus ginetar be.

Anglo-German Truce?

From the New York Evening Post.

Rumors of an Anglo-German agreement with regard to naval armaments will not down. The latest hint comes from Berlin, where it is reported that the British government intends to approach Germany, as soon as the Balkan war is over, with a proposal to suspend shipbuilding operations during the fiscal year 1914-15. This may be an indirect invitation from German quarters addressed to Winston Churchill, who recently expressed the wish that some such arrangement might be effected. Or it may be a bit of playful irony on the part of the German press. But let the advocates of the strenuous naval life recall that such a suggestion to slacken up Dreadnaught production for a year is not silly Utopianism. One may be convinced that war is the first law of nature and the first occupation of a gentleman, and yet admit the desirability of an occasional breathing spell. They were no mollycoddlers in the early middle ages, but even the medieval baron consented to lay aside his sword and sword for a few days at a time and seek recuperation under a truce of God.

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Seeking Quiet. Dispensers of patronage at Washington continue to find New York a quiet place for a week-end rest cure.

Suggestion. Instead of looking for easier ways to amend the Constitution why don't they just abolish it?

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